

REMARKS

Claims 4-20 are pending in the above-identified application. Claims 1-3 were previously canceled. Claims 4 and 17-20 were rejected. Claims 5-16 were allowed. With this Amendment, claims 19 and 20 were cancelled and claim 18 was amended to add limitations of claims 18 and 19. Accordingly, claims 4 and 17-20 are at issue in the above-identified application.

35 U.S.C. § 103 Obviousness Rejection of Claims

Claims 17-20 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Miyazaki et al.* (U.S. Patent No. 6,162,264) in view of *Sasayama et al.* (U.S. Patent No. 6,461,757 B1). Claim 4 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Miyazaki et al.* (U.S. Patent No. 6,162,264) and *Sasayama et al.* (U.S. Patent No. 6,461,757 B1) as applied to claims 17-20 above, and further in view of *Kaido et al.* (U.S. Patent No. 6,314,638). Applicants respectfully traverse these rejections.

Claim 18, from which claim 17 depends, recites A method of manufacturing a battery comprising forming an electrode mixture layer including electrode active material on a first region *but not on an exposed region* of an electrode collector, wherein the first region is formed with an electrolyte layer, and wherein the electrode collector *is cut between* the electrode mixture layer which is intermittently formed, attaching a terminal to the exposed region, wherein the electrode mixture layer is not formed on the exposed region between the attaching of the terminal and the forming of the electrode mixture layer, and disposing a protection tape in a manner of covering a part of the terminal after the terminal is attached to the electrode collector exposed region. While *Miyazaki et al.* illustrates a terminal connected to a portion of the surface of a collector which is exposed on the basis of a prescribed pattern, *Miyazaki et al.* fails to teach

or even suggest an electrode collector that is *cut* between the electrode mixture layer, which is intermittently formed. Therefore, Applicants maintain that *Miyazaki et al.*, even in combination with *Sasayama et al.*, fails to teach or disclose all the limitations of claim 18. Withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing, Applicants submit that the application is in condition for allowance. Notice to that effect is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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